



WELCOME TO OUR Newsletter *Christmas edition*

Each term we will be issuing a Newsletter, to give families and communities an insight into life in the Pre Prep School!

It is hard to believe that the first term in the Runnymede Pre Prep School is over. It has been such a busy and productive time as we have quickly adapted to the new structure of our school. I am particularly proud of the children in Year 3 who have really risen to the challenge of suddenly becoming the oldest children in the Pre Prep School instead of the youngest year group in Key Stage 2. They have brought enthusiasm whilst being responsible as role models to the younger children. This has been evident in the classroom, assemblies, in the dining room and playground. New children, families and staff have been welcomed as the Runnymede Junior School transitions to the new structure.

We have embraced our new Runnymede Core Values of Respect, Kindness and Curiosity with many entries to the competition to design a mural for a wall in the Early Years playground. Years 1,2 and 3 thoroughly enjoyed the Spartan Race with Newton declared the proud winners of the cup. Reception had great fun completing the course in a non competitive way.

The run up to Christmas has been magical, exhausting and so exciting! There has been beautiful artwork, lots of singing and acting and thoughtful letters to Father Christmas or the Three Kings. We have also celebrated Diwali and Hanukkah with all of the children earlier in the term, celebrating the truly international nature of our school.

We wish you a peaceful and pleasant holiday.
Ms Barr (Head of Pre Prep)
Miss Mashford and Miss Walker (Deputy Heads of Pre Prep)

OUR VALUES

CURIOSITY
RESPECT
KINDNESS

In this newsletter you will find:

A range of highlights from our first Pre Prep term including trips, performances, and work to be proud of. ↓

OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

As they approached the end of their tenure Ms Barr spoke to the eight children who had the privilege of being the first ever Runnymede House Captains selected from Year 3. They were recommended by the teachers and they have truly risen to the challenge. It is easy to see why they were nominated as they portray our school values ; kindness, curiosity and respect.



"When my parents found out I had been chosen to be House Captain my Dad went crazy!"

Georgia Mercadente, 3E

"I have been brave to announce the House Points in Assembly"

Anjana Pillai, 3D



"I was looking forward to the challenge of being a House Captain "

Lucas Viros, 3D

"I am pleased to be able to help and I have enjoyed being a leader"

Daniel Sanz, 3F



"At first I felt nervous but I have gained confidence as a result"



Amelia Vickery, 3F

"I am so proud and excited to be a House Captain"



Inés de Zárate, 3E

"I put myself forward to be a House Captain because I wanted to help people"



Mateo Segovia, 3D

"My family were so excited they wanted to touch my House Captain badge!"



Mateo Barroso, 3E



Work To Be Proud Of...

Pre Nursery



Carla in Hedgehog class made a super plasticine hedgehog to celebrate Autumn.



Santiago in Hedgehog class made a fantastic 'Owl' snack when learning all about woodland animals to celebrate Autumn.



The children in Wallaby Class created their own Wallaby painting using tissue paper and water.



The children in Wallaby Class also used leaves they found on our Autumn Walk to create woodland animal pictures

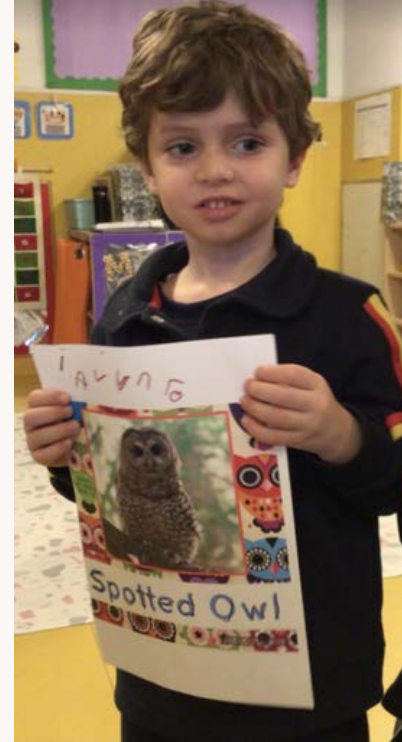


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Nursery



Autumn Artwork
by Sofia A in Penguin Class



Álvaro in Meerkat Class independently traced the words "spotted owl" carefully using great control and then also finished his work off by writing his name independently.



When learning about colours in Meerkat Class, Niels asked Mr Bailey what his favourite colour was and he recorded his answer using tally marks on a chart.



Carla in Seahorse Class made a Diya Lamp for Diwali.



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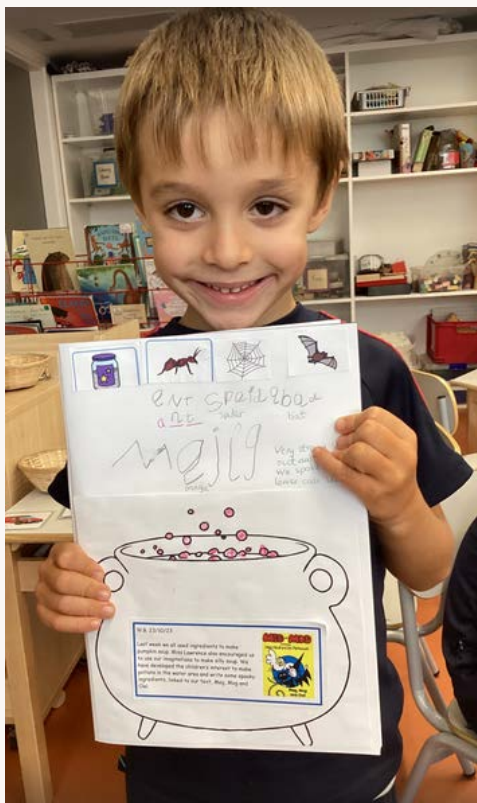
Reception



'The sea and the beach'
by Blanca in Goldfish Class



Number blocks
by Luca in Tiger Class



A magic potion
by Álvaro H in Woolly Mammoth Class



Evil Pea Wanted Poster
by Jacobo in Tiger Class



Work To Be Proud Of...

Year 1



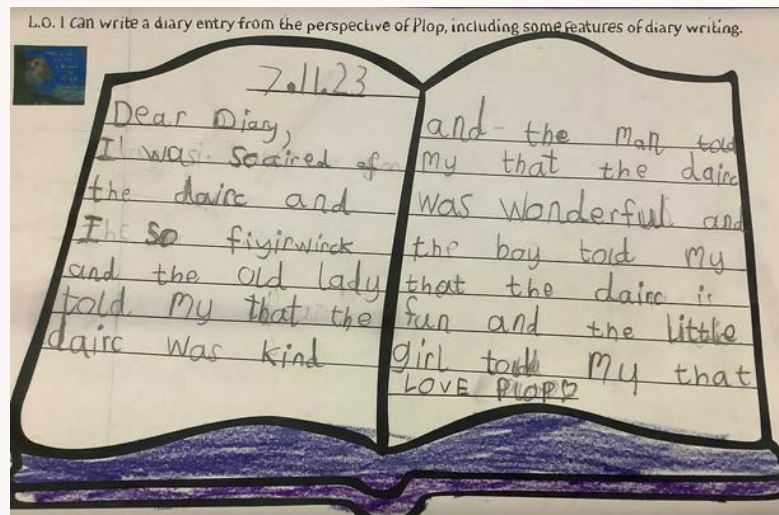
By Valentina in Squirrel Class



Artwork by Marco in Squirrel Class



Carlota in Leopard Class created her own version of Van Gogh's Starry Night painting.



Diary entry by Olivia in Jay Class, based on the text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'.

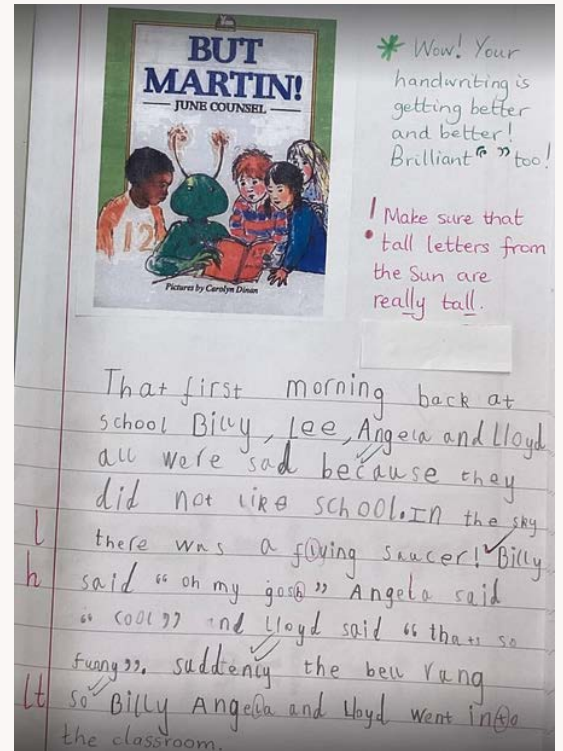


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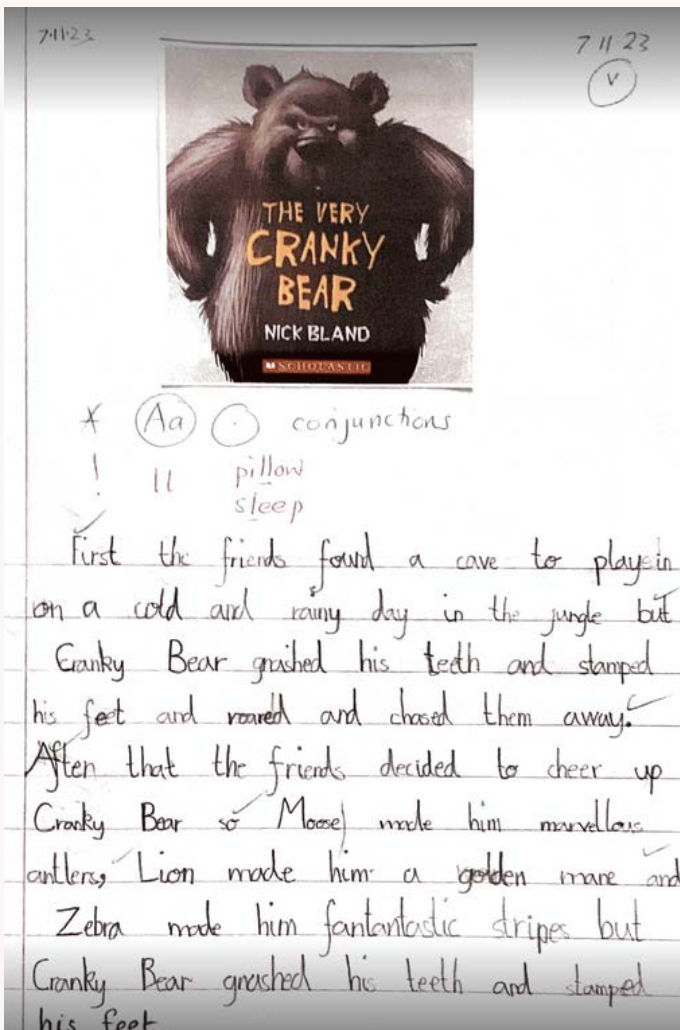
Year 2



Jeff Koon Balloon Dog artwork by Salomé, Dog Class



A retelling of 'But Martin!' by Charlie in Kangaroo Class



A retelling of 'The Very Cranky Bear' by Bosco, Dog Class

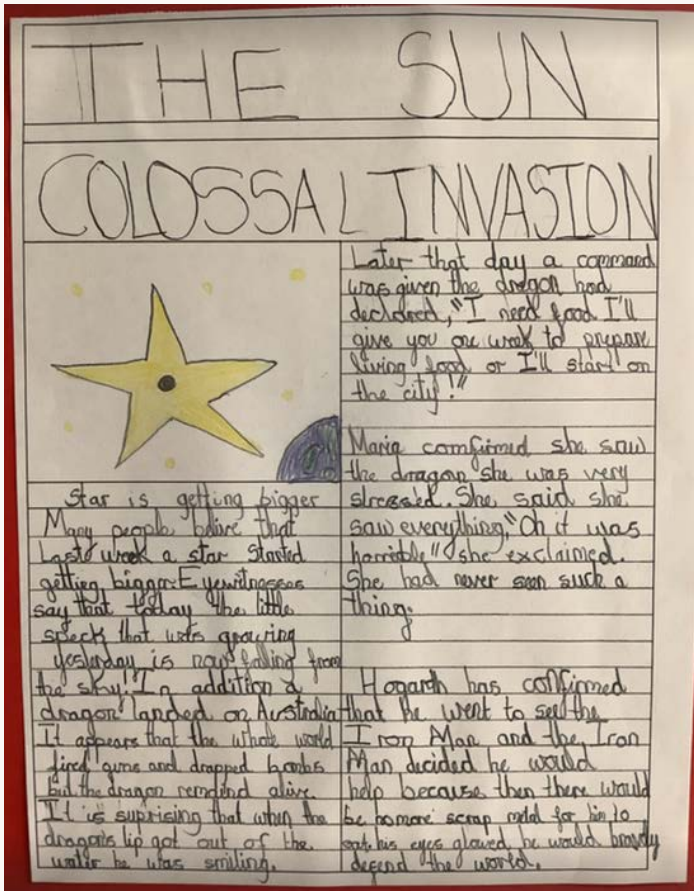


Chameleon art by Ignacio, Mateo, Ariadne and Léa, Seal Class

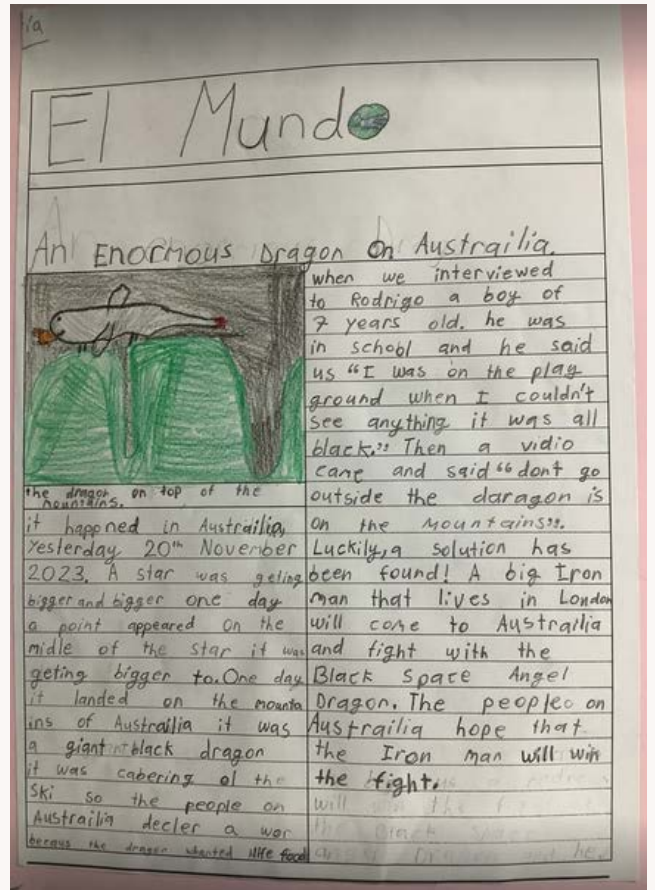


Work To Be Proud Of..

Year 3



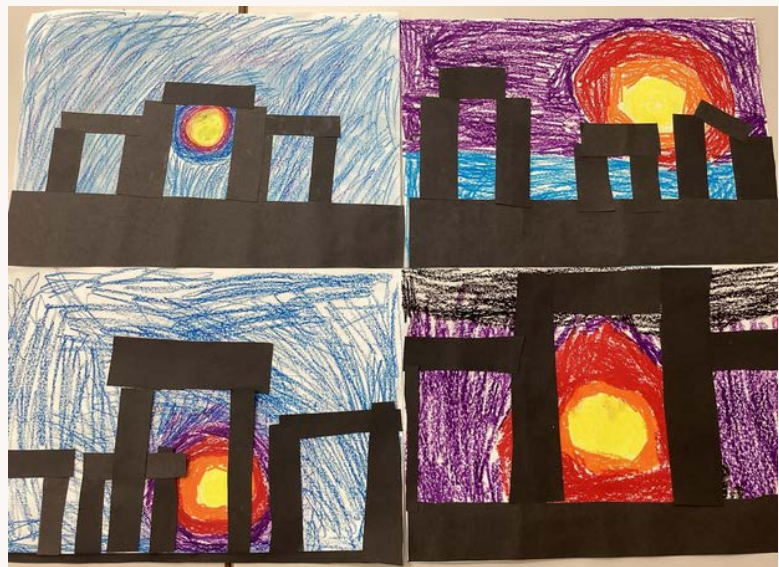
Newspaper report by Paula, Dolphin Class



Newspaper report by Mia, Fox Class



'Outer Person, Inner Self' portrait by Amelie Pawson in Dolphin Class



Stonehenge art by Elephant Class
 Top left: Georgia, Top right: Bruno,
 Bottom left: Inês, Bottom right; Harry



Nursery and Reception Trip to the Forest



The children in Nursery classes loved going to the Forest with Ms Garcia this term. They went on an Autumn hunt in the forest!



In Reception's to the forest they learnt vocabulary in both English and Spanish, identified objects of autumn colours and bravely crossed the stream!



Year 1 and Year 2 Trip to the Farm



Years 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the farm in El Jarama. The weather was finally chilly enough to feel like Autumn. Lots of activities awaited the children. They made potpourri and they had great fun smelling and choosing the different ingredients to make their own scent. They loved seeing all the animals especially the calves. Perhaps the highlight of the day was learning about the grape harvest and how wine is made. The children helped by taking off their socks and shoes and squelching the grapes in a huge bucket!



After a delicious lunch the children had fun on a giant slide and then went canoeing with their friends. They look forward to visiting again in the summer and learning about the changing of the seasons.



Year 3 Trip to the Archaeological museum



Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Museo Arquelógico Nacional in October. The children learnt about life in prehistoric Spain and compared it to their studies of prehistoric Britain. They thoroughly enjoyed viewing the replica of the Altamira cave art and used it to inspire their own cave art pieces in their art lessons.



Kindness Week

The Pre Prep School celebrated Kindness during Anti Bullying Week. Kindness is one of the Core Values at Runnymede. We started off by showing our individuality and uniqueness by wearing Odd Socks to school. We were kind to each other and children added a marble to Ms Barr's 'Kindness Jar'; by the end of the week it was full!



Each Year group from the youngest children in Pre Nursery to the oldest in Year 3 contributed to a lovely display with hearts and kind wishes.



We read the beautiful story of 'The Boy, The Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Macksey in Assembly and we particularly liked this quote:



Mural Competition

Respect

Kindness

Curiosity



THANK YOU for your creative entries for our Pre Prep Mural Competition to launch our school values. We are delighted to share that the winner is **Matías in Squirrel Class**.



We are so excited to transform this wall in our Early Years playground and will need your help with painting, Pre Prep children! Watch this space!



It was a difficult decision as we received so many other fantastic designs. Here are our two 'Runners Up'. Thank you to all the children that entered!



Sports



The Spartan Race has become one of the most popular events in the Runnymede sporting calendar.

Thank you to the parents that took time to come and support their children. Well done to all children for taking part and a special mention to our winning team....**Newton!**



Even Reception had a go... and loved it!



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Delight, Ornament, Ability

Other highlights of the term



Maria in 1J painted 'The Night Sky'. Her father also did the painting and came into Jay class and explained to the children how he did it!



Year 3 cave painting!



Wallaby Class loved going to our school forest area!



Our Year 2 children looked great dressed up for History Day!



We loved welcoming Reception families to school for our Teddy Bear's Picnic! The children worked hard to make sandwiches, write invitations and create decorations for it. We had so much fun!



Investigating microhabitats in Year 2!



Reception Nativity

A huge well done to our Reception children for their performance of 'The Twinkly' Nativity! The children performed brilliantly on stage and looked fantastic in their costumes. Thank you to so many of our parents for coming to watch the Nativity - we hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did!



Well done Reception!

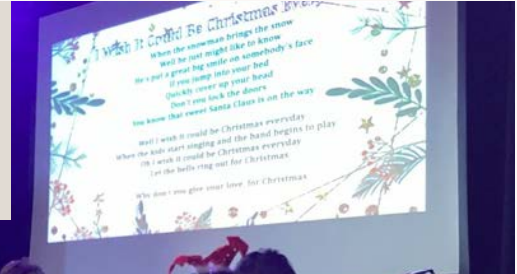


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Christmas Singalong and Magic Show



The children did so well learning the songs and dances for our Christmas Singalong! It was a delight to welcome so many parents to the events.



The room was filled with laughter during our Christmas Magic Show. We even had a surprise visit from Father Christmas and his Elves!



Christmas Jumper Day!



We would like to wish all our Runnymede families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2024!

